

poor. Those who happen to get Kirks by presentations, live comfortably and amass wealth—at least such of them as live moderately and retired from company.

“Wednesday, Feby. 20.—Set off from Edinburgh for London in the Charlotte coach, and arrived at London on Friday night about 12 o'clock.

“Monday, 17th March.—Carried my certificate which I got from my old friend, Governor Hamilton, to the Lords Commissioners.—Got no answer to it that day.

“Saturday, April 19th.—Presented a card to Mr. Brook Watson, but could not be admitted. The card was returned by his waiting man. After this came another young gentleman, who asked me, “what do you wish.” “To see Mr. Brook Watson.” He was busy and could not now be seen. I followed after him wishing to have an answer. This was a polite evasion. Immediately I went to Lincoln's Inn field, to enquire at Mr. Leigh about my temporary support, who said that the Commissioners did not sit to day. On the same day engaged to dine with Mr. Jewit, a Presbyterian minister from Charlestown, a Loyalist. This day my old shipmate called on me.

“Sabbath, 20th.—Attended Dr. Harris' lectures. On the evening I was grievously tempted by a messenger of Satan to buffet me.—My mind was very much troubled and perplexed. Amidst the perplexities and disquietudes of my soul, I was led to think on that word recorded in the Holy Scriptures, “The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation,” compared with a parallel one in 1 Peter, iv. 12, “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. But rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering, that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”

“Monday, 21st.—Visited Mr. Brook Watson again, expecting a favourable answer to my letter, but received as an answer by Mr. Turner, whom I deemed not to be friendly disposed toward me, that Mr. Watson had written an answer to what I wrote him, as he did not know me. This seemed a very fair-faced and artful evasion explicitly answering my reasonable requisition. And to confirm me on this thought Mr. Turner added as his last remark, “I told you before you left Halifax that it would be to no purpose to come to London, for you will hardly get as much as will defray your expenses home.”

“I shall now proceed to make the following improvement on Mr. Turner's reply to me. And the improvement I was led to make that disappointment, as I walked to my lodgings, sad in heart, and some dejected, was that the Most High as our Heavenly father uses various methods of dealing with us poor sinful creatures in this world, which though afflicting and distressing at present, yet they are intended for our profit and good. The instruments which he uses use of as an offended father to rebuke us for our folly—to chastise us—to chastise us and correct us may be such sinful creatures as ourselves. Indeed all creatures are to us as the Lord sees fit to use and employ them. Some have been the instruments of poverty, oppression, distress, plunder and death to their poor fellow-